(c) the expenses involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) It has been the consistent endeavour of the Ministry of External Affairs to adequately equip all Indian missions abroad with up-to-date information and publicity materials so that they can project a positive image of the country effectively highlighting our stand on various issues of importance to the international community. The missions, in coordination with Ministry of External Affairs, work to well-defined action plans that encompass, *inter-alia*, close contracts with opinion-makers, dissemination of materials and information, maintenance of websites, talks and seminars, press briefings and so on. Adequate budget for publicity are provided to the missions.

Sending abroad on fake visas

†3041. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of culprits arrested this year for their involvement in sending persons abroad on fake visas and what action has been taken against them;

(b) the plan formulated by Government to prevent this offence; and

(c) what are the reasons that active gangs are still out of clutches and the incidents of fake visas come to light every other day and people are being cheated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Since this is a police matter, the information is being sought from the Ministry of Home Affairs and will be laid on the table of the House when made available by that Ministry.

Declaration of oil field services as public utility services

3042. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.